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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND TELLECOMUNICATION CONFERENCE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2004 and Examiner's inquires, Applicants submit the following response and amendments.

Amendment to the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.